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- A cabinet meeting was held on 20 October to make clear the extent of Heinrich Rau's authority over the other ministries. It has been emphasized by SMA officials that in Germany, as in the Soviet Union, the Ministry of Economic Planning is of special importance in the functioning of the entire government.
- Alfred Munderlich (NDP) has been appointed State Secretary in the Ministry of Industry. However, he has already been informed in no uncertain terms by his chief, Fritz Selbmann, that he is expected to play a completely passive role.
- Dr. Kurt Fischer's present title is Chef der Polizei. A current reorganization in the police will make Fischer independent of the Minister of the Interior (Dr. Karl teinhoff, a former Social Democrat), leaving only the local Schutzpolized under the control of the Ministry. On the other hand, teinhoff will have under him a rersonnel section controlling all ministries.
- Rudolf Appelt was disarpointed at his choice as the German representative in Moscow, as he had hoped to be sent to Prague. The decision not to send him there is regarded as a deliverate move to keep him from renewing his contacts in Czechoslovakia, where he resided for a long time and has many friends among leading Communists.
- Bruno Baum, who has until now been the head of the economics section of the SED Landesverband for Berlin, will so to Warsaw as commercial attache.* Dr. Kurt Raphael is to be commercial attaché in Praque.*
- No STA officers have entered the DEK building since the "German Democratic Remu lic" was set up. It appears that the Pussians will henceforth issue all instructions through the SED, and will not deal directly with the ministries.
- Most of the Mauptabteilung chiefs of the DMK will remain in the same positions in the corresponding ministries. The following exceptions may be noted:

In the trade ministries: HA Foreign Trade-Leonore Pieck Staimer, daughter of President Wilhelm Pieck and wife of Folice General Richard Staimer.

HA Internal Trade-Josef Orlong (SED).

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In the Finance Ministry: HA Haushalt der Republik-Ernst Gut, formerly with the Mecklenburg Finance Ministry.

HA Banks and Insurance—Hans Baseler (LDP) from Thuringia, who is characterized by SED leaders in private as "a very progressive man".

In the Postal Ministry: HA Post and Newspapers-Dr. Rudolf Lang, an ex-Nazi who was interned by the United States forces in 1946.

In the Education Ministry: HA Training and Instruction—Hans Siebert.

HA Universities and Scientific Bodies-Otto Halle.

HA Art and Literature-Herbert Volkmann.

In the Justice Ministry: HA Legislation-Dr. Hans Nathan.

HA Audit and Control-(Mrs.) Dr. Heinze.

HA Strafvollzug-Dr. Werner Gentz.

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- 8. Georg Lentsch, hitherto head of the Brandenburg State Control Commission (the official investigative organ for the detection of economic sabotage) has succeeded Bernhard Bechler as Minister of the Interior of Brandenburg, following Bechler's appointment to the GAI and transfer to Moscow.
 - Comment: It is rumored that Baum spent some time in a German concentration camp with the present Polish Prime Minister, Józef Cyrankiewicz, and that he played a large part in persuading the latter to accept his position in the Communist-controlled government. Dr. Raphael, a Communist, was in exile in Czechoslovakia from 1933 to 1939.

